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Yoshio Tsukahara, et al. : Date: March 4, 2002  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 5 and 6, without prejudice to or disclaimer of subject matter, to read as follows:

5. (Amended) The escalator step according to Claim 2 or 3, wherein the height of the cleats of the non-slip surface are formed to be higher than the tread.

6. (Amended) The escalator step according to Claim 2 or 3, wherein the non-slip surface is fastened to a reinforcing plate which is fixed within a cleat cutout part of the step.